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At 12:19 a.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. for a closed session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Tuesday, February 14, 2017 and Tuesday, February 21, 2017 will be City Council dark nights.

February 7, 2017

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Goodrich, Griffiths, Herring, Rizzo, Weideman and Mayor Furey.

Absent: None.

Present: City Manager Jackson, Assistant City Manager Giordano, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Poirier and other staff representatives.

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Agenda Item 11A was considered out of order at this time.

**11A. APPEAL OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION DECISION SUSTAINING THE  
TERMINATION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council conduct a hearing on the appeal of the Civil Service Commission decision sustaining the termination of an Administrative Assistant and that the consideration of this matter shall occur in public session at the request of the employee pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1).

The City Council held a hearing on the appeal of the Civil Service Commission decision sustaining the termination of an Administrative Assistant.

The City Council recessed at 6:23 p.m. and reconvened at 7:17 p.m. with all members present.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Ashcraft.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Goodrich.

**3. REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA/ MOTION TO  
WAIVE FURTHER READING**

City Clerk Poirier reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Thursday, February 2, 2017.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Griffiths moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by 7-0 vote.

**4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

Item 11A was considered during the 5:30 p.m. session. Item 8F was withdrawn. Supplemental material was available for items: 6C, 8C, 8J, 8K, 9A, 9D, 9E (2), and 10A.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Ashcraft announced that the Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee met this afternoon to review and recommend the purchase and deployment of an unmanned aircraft system and an item will be presented to the City Council on February 28, 2017.

Councilmember Goodrich announced that the Armed Forces Day Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 in the City Manager's Assembly Room at 4:00 p.m.

Councilmember Griffiths announced that the City's annual Hometown Heroes Military Recognition Program is accepting applications for banners to be displayed during the annual Armed Forces Day Parade, with additional information available on the City's website or by contacting the City Manager's Office at 310-618-5880.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2017-14 RE JOHN FYLLING**

Resolution No. 2017-14 honoring John Fylling of the Transit Department upon his retirement from the City of Torrance after twenty-nine years of service.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-14. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herring and passed by 7-0 vote.

Transit Director Turner commended John Fylling for his dedicated service and wished him well in his retirement.

Mayor Furey presented the proclamation to John Fylling.

**6B. SOUTH BAY FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS PRESENTATION**

Ellenmary Michel, representing Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation (TOCA), gave a presentation on the South Bay Festival of the Arts scheduled for June 24, 2017 at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center and requested that the City help promote the event and provide \$15,000 to help defray costs.

Mayor Furey, with the concurrence of Council, directed staff to return with a proclamation declaring June 24, 2017 as "Festival of the Arts Day" in the City of Torrance and an item to consider providing assistance in the amount of \$15,000 for the event to be allocated as follows: \$10,000 for facility rental fees, event management, security deposits and permits for the Cultural Arts Center and \$5,000 towards portable toilet rentals and additional janitorial staff.

**6C. UPDATE ON URBAN COYOTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

With the aid of slides, Police Captain Martin Vukotic provided an update on the Urban Coyote Management Plan; highlighted resources available on the Police Department's website; reported on community outreach efforts; discussed research and development programs

conducted with the assistance of the USC Capstone Team; and reviewed expenditures for the Urban Coyote Management Program to date.

Mayor Furey commended Captain Vukotic and the Police Department for their efforts on this issue.

Councilmember Ashcraft noted that Lieutenant Kent Smirl of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife sent a letter commending the Torrance Police Department for the innovative way they have handled the coyote problem and for serving as a beacon for surrounding communities.

Laurie Jester expressed concerns about coyote sightings/attacks in the La Romeria Park area and urged a proactive approach to the coyote problem.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

City Clerk Poirier invited staff and the public to view the mixed media artwork of Torrance Artist Guild member Suzanne Kuuskmae on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of February.

City Clerk Poirier announced that the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder/County Clerk will be holding a special election on March 7, 2017 to consider county-wide Measure H and Vote-by-Mail ballots can be dropped off in the City Clerk's Office during regular business hours. She noted that sample ballot pamphlets were mailed beginning January 26, 2017 and Vote-by-Mail ballots were mailed beginning February 6, 2017, with additional information at [www.LAVote.net](http://www.LAVote.net).

The following 9 people spoke: Cody Bridges, John Watts, Antonia Hernandez, Joan Wood, R. Gee, Sara Myers, Julie Dojiri, LJ Stogsill, and Ken Christiansen.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of January 24, 2017.

**8B. CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD 2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT**

Considered separately, see page 5.

**8C. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT RE BUTCHER-SOLANA PROJECT**

Considered separately, see page 5.

**8D. FEE AGREEMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES FOR POLICE PERSONNEL MATTER**

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a fee agreement with Jenkins & Hugin, LLP of Manhattan Beach, CA in the amount of \$25,000 to provide legal services pertaining to police personnel matter #A16-000915.

**8E. APPROVAL OF CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE EVENT AT AIRPORT**

Considered separately, see page 6.

**8F. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR UNDERGROUNDING OF OVERHEAD UTILITIES/INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND LIGHTS**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council appropriate \$50,000 of Utility Underground Impact Fee Funds to the Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities and Installation of Underground Street Lights along Palos Verdes Blvd. between Torrance Blvd. and Sepulveda Blvd., I-156 for a new not to exceed project budget of \$235,000, for engineering design and project management to install a new undergrounding-serviced City-owned street lighting system on Palos Verdes Blvd. between Lenore St. and Sepulveda Blvd.

Item was withdrawn.

**8G. PROPOSED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR SENIOR BUYER**

Recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and the Human Resources Administrator that City Council approve the proposed Class Specification for Senior Buyer.

**8H. PROPOSED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR LEGAL ASSISTANT I AND LEGAL ASSISTANT II**

Recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and the Human Resources Administrator that City Council approve the proposed class specifications for Legal Assistant I and Legal Assistant II.

**8I. CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR REPLACEMENT OF FLOORING**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract services agreement to Fred Butler & Son Carpet Company DBA Fred's Carpet Plus of Torrance, CA (B2016-64) in the amount of \$65,874.24 with a 5% contingency of \$3,293.71 for Replacement of Flooring at the Torrance Police Department for a one-year period beginning February 7, 2017 and ending February 7, 2018; and
- 2) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$6,587.42.

**8J. PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT FOR LOS ANGELES REGION IMAGERY ACQUISITION CONSORTIUM PROGRAM**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a participant agreement by and between the County of Los Angeles and City of Torrance for the Los Angeles Region Imagery Acquisition Consortium (LAR-IAC 5) Program; and
- 2) Authorize expenditure not to exceed \$65,791 for updated digital aerial photography.

**8K. SECOND AMENDMENT TO SWIPE CARD SYSTEM CONTRACT**

Considered separately, see page 6.

**8L. FOURTH AMENDMENT FOR VAN NESS AVENUE WATER WELLS AND TRANSMISSION MAIN**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a fourth amendment to consulting services agreement with Quantum Quality Consulting Inc., of Torrance, CA (C2014-046) in the amount of \$129,735 thereby increasing the agreement

to a new not-to-exceed amount of \$284,710 to add Well #14, provide modifications to Descanso Park, provide discharge storm drain line for Well #14, and update CEQA documents to add Well #14 to the Van Ness Avenue Well Field Project.

**8M. APPROVAL OF COLLINGS FOUNDATION EXHIBIT AT AIRPORT AND FUNDING FOR EVENT**

Considered separately, see page 6.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rizzo moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A, 8D, 8G, 8H, 8I, 8J and 8L. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by 7-0 vote.

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Consent Calendar Items 8B, 8C, 8E, 8K and 8M were considered separately at this time.

**8B. CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD 2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT**

Recommendation of the Cable Television Advisory Board and City Manager that City Council accept and file the Cable Television Advisory Board 2015-16 Annual Report.

Lynn Brennan, former Chair of the Cable Television Advisory Board, briefly highlighted the Cable Television Advisory Board 2015-16 Annual Report.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Herring moved to accept and file the report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by 7-0 vote.

**8C. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT RE BUTCHER-SOLANA PROJECT**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council award a Consulting Services Agreement to Terry A. Hayes Associates, Inc. of Culver City, CA (RFP B2016-62) in the amount of \$148,911 with a 5% contingency of \$7,445.55 for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, and all associated work including peer review of all submitted technical studies, representation at public meetings and preparation of associated Notices and Filings, for the filed Butcher-Solana residential development proposed at the southwest corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and Via Valmonte (EAS16-00001, GPA16-00001, ZON16-00001, CUP16-00004, PRE16-00005, PUD16-00001, and DIV16-00003) for a two year period beginning February 10, 2017 and ending February 10, 2019.

In response to Councilmember Herring's inquiry, Sr. Planning Associate Santana clarified that the developer of the proposed project will pay for the Environmental Impact Report and all associated costs.

Councilmember Weideman noted that the City selected the consulting firm that will be preparing the report and emphasized that approving this agreement does not mean that the project will be approved.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Herring moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by 7-0 vote.

**8E. APPROVAL OF CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE EVENT AT AIRPORT**

Recommendation of the Airport Commission and General Services Director that City Council approve the Palos Verdes Concours D'Elegance event at Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field on October 1, 2017.

Councilmember Griffiths commented positively on plans to hold this first-class event at Torrance Airport.

In response to Councilmember Ashcraft's inquiry, Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian confirmed that the City will incur no expense for this event.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Griffiths moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by 7-0 vote.

**8K. SECOND AMENDMENT TO SWIPE CARD SYSTEM CONTRACT**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a second amendment with Cabconnect, Inc. of Chicago, IL (C2014-150) for the ongoing operation of the Swipe Card System for the Torrance Community Transit Program, in the amount of \$30,000 for a contract total not-to-exceed \$127,310 and contract extension to December 31, 2017.

In response to Councilmember Ashcraft's inquiry, Transit Department staff provided clarification regarding the minor difficulties being experienced with the swipe card system referred to in the staff report and confirmed that there has been no disruption of service.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ashcraft moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by 7-0 vote.

**8M. APPROVAL OF COLLINGS FOUNDATION EXHIBIT AT AIRPORT AND FUNDING FOR EVENT**

Recommendation of the Airport Commission and the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the Collings Foundation display of a B-24 Liberator, B-17 Bomber, B-25 Mitchell and P-51 Mustang at Zamperini Field for the period beginning April 27 through May 1, 2017; and
- 2) Designate the event as a special exhibit under Section 46.8.10 of the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) which exempts such events from aircraft noise regulations
- 3) Allow the Collings Foundation to conduct flights for hire subject to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines; and
- 4) Approve funding for this event in the amount of \$4,095.

In response to Councilmember Ashcraft's inquiry, Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian provided clarification regarding fees charged for this event, noting that there is no charge to attend the event, but there is a charge for plane rides, which is used to defray the Collings Foundation's expenses.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ashcraft moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by 7-0 vote.

The City Council recessed from 8:58 p.m. to 9:09 p.m.

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**9A. CONSIDERATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION POSITION ON MEASURE H**

Recommendation of the Social Services Commission that City Council approve and concur with the Commission's position to support Special Ballot Measure H, which proposes a countywide ¼-cent special sales tax for 10 years to fund homeless services and prevention, to be held on March 7, 2017.

Management Associate Hoang provided background information about Special Ballot Measure H and reported that the Social Services Commission voted to recommend that the City Council support the measure on January 26, 2017 by a vote of 3-2. He noted that the Police Department has taken no position on Measure H and the Finance Department is opposed to it.

Jimmy Gow, Chair of the Social Services Commission, offered a brief summary of the discussion at the January 26, 2017 Commission meeting.

Councilmember Ashcraft expressed concerns that Measure H does not specify how the funds will be allocated so it is not clear how Torrance would benefit.

Ashlee Oh, representative for the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative, Chief Executive's Office, provided an overview of action taken since the Homeless Initiative was approved in 2015. She reported that funds from Measure H will be distributed according to need within a framework that has already been developed with the assistance of both public and private agencies.

Councilmember Ashcraft stated that she would not support the measure since there was no plan in place for allocating the funds.

Councilmember Goodrich expressed reservations about this measure since it comes on the heels of two recent tax increases – a parcel tax for parks and a sales tax increase for Measure R. He noted that Torrance is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest sales tax producer in the County, but has a relatively small homeless population so the City would likely receive only a fraction of the funds generated. He pointed out that sales tax is a regressive tax that disproportionately affects lower income people.

Councilmember Rizzo indicated that he shared Councilmember Ashcraft's and Councilmember Goodrich's concerns about this ballot measure.

In response to Councilmember Rizzo's inquiry, Ms. Oh reported that the L.A. County Board of Supervisors will be charged with approving the funding allocation plan, which will be based on 21 approved strategies that are eligible for funding.

Councilmember Griffiths explained that while he believes homelessness is an important issue, he has consistently opposed sales tax related ballot initiatives because cities like Torrance contribute a disproportionate amount of the funding and called for the burden to be spread more equitably.

Councilmember Herring indicated that he would not support Measure H due to concerns that it was not well thought out. Noting that the Department of Veterans Affairs has initiatives to



attack the problem of veterans' homelessness, he urged that there be a joint collaboration of local, county, state and federal agencies to address this problem.

Ms. Oh reported that in the most recent count, the homeless veteran population decreased as a result of multi-jurisdictional collaboration and focused efforts and the County hopes to replicate this success with other segments of the homeless population.

Councilmember Goodrich related his understanding that L.A. County has already allocated \$100 million to address the homeless problem and suggested waiting to see what happens as a result of this funding before imposing an increase in sales tax.

Ms. Oh responded that the \$100 million was one-time funding approved in 2015 to launch the Homeless Initiative and it will soon be depleted and there is a need for sustainable funding to address the homeless issue.

Councilmember Goodrich thanked the Social Services Commission for their efforts on this issue and noted that the Commission is charged with advocating for specific segments of the population, while the City Council is charged with representing the interests of the population as a whole so they are looking at this issue from different perspectives.

John Koler questioned why more funding was needed since Measure HHH was recently approved, which provides \$1.2 billion to address the homeless problem, and Mayor Furey clarified that Measure HHH applies only to the City of Los Angeles.

Nancy Wilcox, South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness, expressed support for Measure H and urged the Council to consider the benefit to the entire region.

Noting that he also has been consistent in opposing sales tax measures unfavorable to Torrance, Councilmember Weideman stated that he would support Measure H because the homeless population does not recognize city borders and Redondo Beach already has a serious homeless problem.

Mayor Furey explained that he personally supports Measure H because L.A. County provides a safety net and a multitude of services for the homeless population throughout the region which the City of Torrance is not able to provide. He noted, however, that the Council's action would do little to influence the vote on this measure based on past experience.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to take no action. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herring and passed by 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Griffiths voting no.

**9B. RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING PAY RANGES FOR SENIOR BUYER**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a RESOLUTION pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) amending Resolution No. 2014-26 setting forth changes regarding hours, wages, and working conditions for employees represented by Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA) by modifying the compensation section to implement the pay ranges for Senior Buyer.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reviewed the staff recommendation.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Herring moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by 7-0 vote.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Herring moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-15. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by 7-0 vote.

**9C. RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING PAY RANGES FOR LEGAL ASSISTANT I AND LEGAL ASSISTANT II – APPROVAL OF REALLOCATION OF POSITIONS**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a RESOLUTION pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) amending Resolution No. 2014-38 for employees represented by the Torrance City Employees Association (TCEA) to implement the pay ranges for Legal Assistant I and Legal Assistant II and approve the reallocation of 4.0 Legal Secretary positions to 2.0 Legal Assistant I and 2.0 Legal Assistant II positions.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reviewed the staff recommendation.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ashcraft moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herring and passed by 7-0 vote.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-16. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herring and passed by 7-0 vote.

**9D. CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT RE MACHADO LAKE STORMWATER QUALITY MONITORING AND REPORTING SERVICES**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a contract services agreement with Northgate Environmental Management, Inc. of Laguna Hills, CA (RFP B2016-68) for an amount not to exceed \$768,250, for Machado stormwater quality monitoring and reporting services for a five-year period beginning February 8, 2017 and ending February 7, 2022.

Engineering Manager Dettle reviewed the staff recommendation.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ashcraft moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by 7-0 vote.

**9E. APPROVAL OF CONCEPT FOR SPLASH PAD AT WILSON PARK**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve concept for the Splash Pad project at Wilson Park (B2016-35); and
- 2) Appropriate available Parks and Recreation Open Space funding (\$237,494) and Parks and Recreation Facilities funding (\$56,276) to Facilities, Equipment, Automation Plan (FEAP) 926 – Pond Retrofit Project; and
- 3) Authorize the transfer of Parks and Recreation Open Space funding from FEAP 148 – Columbia Park Redevelopment (\$120,208), FEAP 602 – Red Car Repair and Improvement (\$45,000), FEAP 834 – Wilson Park Landscaping (\$219,472), Community Services Operating Budget (\$3,444) to FEAP 926 – Pond Retrofit Project (with a remaining balance of \$417,800); and
- 4) Authorize Request for Proposal (RFP) for the construction of the Splash Pad, and the City's formal bid process for the splash pad equipment, and the park restroom.

With the aid of slides, Chuck Foley, Hirsch & Associates, briefly reviewed the design concept for the proposed project, which would repurpose the existing pond at Wilson Park by creating a splash pad.

Mayor Furey expressed support for eliminating the pond, which has been a problem for several years.

In response to Councilmember Griffiths' inquiry, Mr. Foley reported that adding above-ground play elements to the splash pad would cost approximately \$30,000 (Option B) and the cost for adding exercise equipment to the adult fitness zone would range from \$50,000 to \$125,000 depending on the combination of equipment.

Councilmember Ashcraft asked about the exposure to liability.

Mr. Foley reported that water quality is the main concern about splash pads and the proposed project has a filtering system designed to prevent any water-borne illness. He explained that there were problems with earlier splash pads, including the degradation of the surface, the development of mold, and slippage hazards, but newer versions have addressed these issues. He stated that his firm has installed splash pads in several cities throughout California and he was not aware of any lawsuits associated with them.

In response to Councilmember Ashcraft's inquiry, Community Services Director Jones reported that the cost to maintain the splash pad will be significantly less than maintaining the existing pond as detailed in the supplemental material.

Community Services Director Jones reviewed the proposed funding strategy for the project.

Councilmember Ashcraft relayed a resident's concern that promised improvements to the walkway at Columbia Park have not been done.

Community Services Director Jones reported that the Columbia Park improvements are estimated to cost \$1.2 million and he hopes to use Measure P funds for this project.

Councilmember Griffiths stated that he could not support spending \$1.1 million on one small focused project that does not even include the optional elements when there are so many other needs at parks throughout Torrance. While agreeing that the pond needs to be addressed, he suggested that there are less expensive options, citing the pond at Del Amo Financial Center that was filled in and replaced with low maintenance landscaping.

Community Services Director Jones related his belief that the proposed project will enrich the experience of park-goers at Wilson Park, which is the City's most popular park with over 3 million visitors a year. He reported that the adult fitness zone will be equipped as the budget permits and expressed confidence that this will be a very popular feature.

Mayor Furey asked about the timeline for the project, and Community Services Director Jones reported that best case scenario, the project will be completed by mid-summer.

Councilmember Herring voiced support for the project.

Mayor Furey noted his agreement with the idea of reallocating dedicated funding from other projects that were not fully funded in order to complete this project and commended the Parks and Recreation Commission for their efforts.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rizzo moved to concur with the staff recommendation Option A. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Griffiths voting no.

## **10. HEARINGS**

### **10A. URGENCY ORDINANCE AND ORDINANCE EXTENDING SUNSET DATE OF TORRANCE TRACT OVERLAY ZONE**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt an Urgency Ordinance amending Section 91.49.7 of the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) to extend the sunset date of the Torrance Tract Overlay Zone to December 31, 2017; and
- 2) Approve an Urgency Ordinance Summary for publication; and
- 3) Adopt an Ordinance amending Section 91.49.7 of the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) to extend the sunset date of the Torrance Tract Overlay Zone to December 31, 2017;
- 4) Adopt an Ordinance Summary for Publication; and
- 5) Adopt a finding that amending the Municipal Code to extend the sunset date of the Torrance Tract Overlay Zone to December 31, 2017 would not have a significant impact on the environment and pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines would be exempt from CEQA.

Mayor Furey announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Poirier confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Planning Manager Lodan reviewed the staff recommendation that an Urgency Ordinance/Ordinance be adopted to extend the sunset date of the Torrance Tract Overlay Zone from March 14, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

Councilmember Ashcraft noted that consistent with her previous votes, she will vote against the proposed Ordinance. She explained that she supports historic preservation, but is opposed to placing limits on what people can do with their property after they have purchased it and believes that any restrictions should apply only to properties purchased after an ordinance has been enacted rather than being retroactive as in this case.

Mayor Furey invited public comment.

John Koler voiced support for the Ordinance, stating that it has not had a negative impact or hindered development as he had feared and property values have gone up since it was adopted.

Chad Madrid expressed concerns about the potential for added costs to develop his property and questioned why it is taking so long to complete this process.

Community Development Director Gibson advised that drafting a Historic Preservation Plan/Historic Preservation Ordinance is a complex process and staff does not believe it will take until December 31, but wants to allow enough time to make sure that whatever is adopted has been fully vetted.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herring and passed by 7-0 vote.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Ashcraft voting no.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 3810. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Ashcraft voting no.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 3811. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Ashcraft voting no.

**11. APPEALS**

**11A. APPEAL OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION DECISION SUSTAINING THE TERMINATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Considered out of order, see page 1.

**12. SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

**12A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3809**

Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. 3809 amending Division 9 of the Torrance Municipal Code to reclassify certain property in the City of Torrance from ML(M1-PP) (Limited Manufacturing: Light Manufacturing Precise Plan Overlay District) and designate land to R-3 (Limited Multiple Family Residential).

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3809. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed as reflected in the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Goodrich, Herring, Rizzo, Weideman and Mayor Furey  
NOES: Councilmembers Ashcraft and Griffiths.

**13. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

Councilmember Ashcraft spoke.

Councilmember Griffiths spoke.

Councilmember Herring, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff return with an item to consider sending a letter of support to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for their efforts in eliminating veterans' homelessness in Los Angeles County, with the item to address a number of objectives and opportunities for engagement with the local VA campus that administers services to Torrance's veteran population.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

At 10:53 p.m., the City Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 14A) Conference with Labor Negotiator,

14B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, and 14D) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6, §54956.9(d)(2), and §54956.8.

City Attorney Fellows announced that the Council would not be considering Agenda Item 14C) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in closed session.

The City Council reconvened at 12:18 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

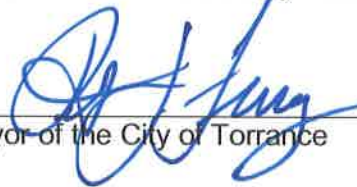
At 12:19 a.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. for a closed session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Tuesday, February 14, 2017 and Tuesday, February 21, 2017 will be City Council dark nights.

Attest:



Rebecca Poirier  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Mayor of the City of Torrance



Approved on February 28, 2017